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Today's Topics:

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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1993 17:49:43 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!gateway!miki!wpns@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Anyone used ICOM VOX headset?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

dep@scr.siemens.com (David Post) writes:

>>Has anyone used the HS60 VOX headset with the ICOM W2A?

>bparrish@hpcc01.corp.hp.com (William Parrish) writes:

>I have an HS51 vox which is very similare to an HS60 on my IC P2AT.

>It also has a

>VOX sensitivity setting.

Well, it has a microphone gain setting and a fixed sensitivity setting, so it's difficult to get it to work just right in noisy environments unless you crank the gain down and yell at it. My wife has one, but uses PTT or one-touch (press to talk, press again to stop) instead.

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Willie Smith
wpns@pictel.com
N1JBJ@amsat.org

Date: 24 Mar 93 20:18:16 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!emory!logicse!das-news.harvard.edu!cantaloupe.srv.cs.cmu.edu!news@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: ATVQ Little Wheel Antenna
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm looking for a copy of the articles in ATVQ on the Little Wheel antenna that appeared in the January 90 and April 90 issues. Could someone with these articles and a FAX machine contact me via email?

Thanx.

Bob N3EMO

Date: 24 Mar 93 19:37:32 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!emory!logicse!henson!news.u.washington.edu!news.uoregon.edu!fp2-st-affairs-2.uoregon.edu!user@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Low Band DX'ing (book)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Awhile back, someone on the net was looking for a source of "Low Band DX'ing".

I forget his call and E-mail address. Anyway, after trying several sources and being told that it was out of print, I called HRO in Portland yesterday afternoon to order it from them. They said, "No problem, it'll go out this afternoon. Look for it tomorrow".

Good luck to all who order.

Steve/ AA7FL

Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1993 17:37:38 GMT
From: swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!
hobbes.physics.uiowa.edu!news.iastate.edu!wjturner@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: no-coders, scum of the earth
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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So, don't lump all no-codes as no-good and lazy. Some are just using it as a
stepping stone to get higher licenses.

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Will Turner, NORDV
wjturner@iastate.edu | "Are you going to have any professionalism, |
twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
TURNERW@vaxld.ameslab.gov

Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1993 18:57:28 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!fc.hp.com!jayk@network.UCSD.EDU
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I've been thinking it would be interesting to add a list of known bad addresses to the online callsign server. After a recent contest I sent out hundreds of cards. A dozen or so have bounced, which is no big deal. I am starting to think about maintaining my own list so that I do not inadvertantly send cards from another contest to the same station at the same address...

Probably the biggest disappointment in this area is that the fellow with whom I had my first CW contact had moved and so I never have gotten a card from him...

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Daniel Senie           Internet:      dts@banyan.com
Banyan Systems, Inc.   Compuserve:   74176,1347
508-898-1188           Packet Radio: N1JEB@WA1PHY.MA
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Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1993 13:30:57 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: RFD: reorganization of rec.radio.amateur
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
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In article <4f2303SFceJI00@amdahl.uts.amdahl.com> rra-reorg@amdahl.com
(rec.radio.amateur reorganization mail list) writes:

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REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

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REORGANIZATION OF REC.RADIO.AMATEUR

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>NEWSGROUP REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

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>In determining a reorganization of rec.radio.amateur which frees some of the
>traffic from the single newsgroup rec.radio.amateur.misc, the members of the
>reorganization mail list considered the following guidelines which the
>participants in this discussion are also asked to consider:

>* More is not necessarily better. Several newsgroups were proposed and then
> dropped because the traffic levels on those subjects do not warrant their
> own newsgroup. (examples: video, repeaters, antennas)

>* We were not trying to use new newsgroups as a place to discard unwanted
> subjects. With as large an audience as rec.radio.amateur has, everyone
> would want to discard some subjects somewhere so WE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT
> A VALID REASON TO CREATE A NEWSGROUP. There is no rec.radio.amateur.cw in
> this proposal because the productive areas of that subject fit better within
> r.r.a.operating and r.r.a.instruction. Most of the heated arguments about
> morse code requirements will still belong in r.r.a.policy under this

> proposal. All newsgroups in this proposal were justified by sustained
> traffic volume in that topic. A borderline case (emergency services) was
> decided in its favor because it is part of the purpose of amateur radio,
> as much as experimentation is.

Here's the fallacy of this proposal. Despite protestations to the contrary, the intent of this is to push unwanted topics into other groups. As we've seen with the failed policy group, this doesn't work. Policy is virtually unused while topics it was designed to contain rage in misc. And there are still more posts about packet in the misc group than the packet group. The recent rec.radio.info group was intended to separate repetitive bulletin postings from discussions, but has also failed due to crossposting.

Since the majority of users of these groups have voted *in practice* for a single master group by continuing to post to misc, or including it in crossposts, and because the mailing list users have no choice in the matter, the proposed new groups are a waste of time. Better to educate users on the uses of their newsreader selection mechanisms.

Nearly every *active* amateur has diverse interests in radio. There are few who are so narrow that they specialize in only one subject. This is why splintering the amateur groups is a lost cause. All it does is dilute discussions by spreading them over several groups instead of containing them in one.

The only way to enforce selection is to go to moderated groups. Many people in the amateur ranks object to such censorship, and there haven't been any volunteers stepping forward to moderate the groups in any event. The only way I'll support creation of new groups is if they *are* moderated, and if *no crossposting* to unmoderated groups is allowed. This should be retroactive to the info group.

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Gary Coffman KE4ZV		You make it,		gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
Destructive Testing Systems		we break it.		uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
534 Shannon Way		Guaranteed!		emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
Lawrenceville, GA 30244				

Date: 24 Mar 1993 17:00:26 GMT
From: topaz.bds.com!topaz.bds.com!ron@uunet.uu.net
Subject: TV Antenna Amps - which to get?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

You can get a decent sized antenna wedged in a condo attic. I'm not sure that you need an amplifier. Radio Shack also has a small amplified

antenna that we got to drive the TV in our office at work. We put it in the building attic, but then the quality went way down compared to us just pointing it out the window (there's a lot of air conditioning and metal building structural members up there). One of these days I'll get it up to the roof.

-Ron

Date: 22 Mar 93 17:10:00 GMT
From: cs.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!kakwa.ucs.ualberta.ca!ersys!freddy!
shaun.merrigan@beaver.cs.washington.edu
Subject: VLF Radio??
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

TO: all

Does anyone have information about the AN/SRR-19B VLF receiver? I am looking for the usual stuff: frequency range, selectivity positions, features, reliability, tuning method, user comments. E-mail me, and I'll post a summary. Thanks to all.

73's

shaun.merrigan@freddy.ersys.edmonton.ab.ca

Shaun P. Merrigan

. DeLuxe./386 1.25 #974sa .

Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1993 19:06:37 GMT
From: orca!javelin.sim.es.com!datwyler@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <930323145741@nauvax.ucc.nau.edu>, <1993Mar24.125553.5442@ke4zv.uucp>, <1993Mar24.165356.28468@mlb.semi.harris.com>3
Reply-To : datwyler@javelin.sim.es.com
Subject : Re: Offset to UTC calculation?

Just a note.

Arizona, one of Utah's neighbors, does not have daylight savings time.

During the winter, it is the same as MST at UTC - 7 hrs. During the summer, it is same as PDT - 7 hours.

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Douglas L. Datwyler, WR70 |Q. How many Heisenbergs does it take
Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp. | to screw in a light bulb?
preferred e-mail: |A. If you know the number, you don't
datwyler@moons.sim.es.com | know where the light bulb is!

Date: 24 Mar 1993 19:05:51 GMT
From: usc!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!oak!laborde@network.UCSD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <loake0INNg8@topaz.bds.com>, <loctrkINNilr@meaddata.meaddata.com>,
<RFM.93Mar22165731@urth.eng.sun.com>
Subject : Re: White House To Auction Airwaves

In article <RFM.93Mar22165731@urth.eng.sun.com> rfm@urth.eng.sun.com (Richard McAllister) writes:

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>Of course, we must continue to make sure that policy makers understand the
>good that comes from having spectrum allocated to amateur use, just as
>conservation and recreation groups ensure policy makers know why the
>national parks are a good idea.

I suggest we send them a stack of messages about how terrible No-code techs are, a recording of the 435 repeater, and an in-depth exploration of the legalities of closed repeaters and internet-packet gateways. I feel this will make the good that comes from amateur radio clear to our law- and policy- makers.

-grl.

Why not?

Date: 24 Mar 1993 16:57:30 GMT
From: topaz.bds.com!topaz.bds.com!ron@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <C3ws1q.5v8@feenix.metronet.com>,
<1993Mar23.004242.3884@gagme.chi.il.us>,
<1993Mar24.014115.7947@gsm001.mendelson.com>
Subject : Re: Customer Service--HRO and others

I have equally good things to say about Delaware Amateur Radio. I called that I wanted to come down and see a TS440. Due to traffic it was clear I wasn't going to make it prior to closing and I called from like exit 2 on the Jersey Turnpike and told them I was going to be about 15 minutes past closing before I even arrived. They assured me that they would wait for me, and they did. We later bought two Alinco dual band radios there. When one died of infant mortality we mentioned that we really decided we would rather have the ICOM 32AT and they said no problem. They have a very liberal return policy, they say to be careful with the boxes and parts and stuff and that they will take new equipment back if I find I was unhappy with it. I've never had to do that though.

For what it's worth, I've not had any problem with the Woodbridge VA HRO. However, these people were in business long before they turned into HRO.

-Ron

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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <23MAR199306372347@nssdca.gsfc.nasa.gov>,
<1993Mar23.152028.2735@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>, <1ooc9jINN9bl@elroy.jpl.nasa.gov>
Subject : Re: Real NoCodes

As a (relatively) new no-code tech, I am dismayed by the vehement growling by some individuals, who feel that it's necessary to vent their spleens in this newsgroup regarding the no-code license.

I, personally, would never even consider jamming a repeater, or other service. After all if that WAS my intent, why even bother with the no-code license? What could I possibly gain by directing profanity over the airwaves to someone I don't know? Think about it.

I'll put it this way: I've been curious about amateur radio for over 20 years. My interest was primarily in phone DXing, SSTV, packet (recently) and "rag-chewing" with other local hams. As I had other hobbies, and since code didn't fit into my interest areas, it kept me out, so to speak. When I found out that the code requirement was dropped, I once again renewed my interest.

Now that I am involved, I magically have found the time to study the code, and I plan to upgrade to a tech+ in the near future.

As with all generalizations, those that I have seen here don't universally

apply. No-code is here, most of us have a genuine interest in amateur radio, and are interested only in being accepted into the fraternity. We try to conform to accepted standards, and to learn more about our interest areas. To that end, I spent many hours listening to the local repeater to learn the practices. Today, even though I can legally transmit, I still spend 90% of the time listening. Yea, I make mistakes, but I'm learning.

Fortunately, the local radio club, the North Shore Radio Club, of which I am a member, does not discriminate against no-codes. Were it not for that, I would most certainly not have bothered to get involved in amateur radio.

C'mon guys, give us a break (pun intended). As with any group, there are bad apples; it's not restricted to no-code techs. But most of us ARE trying.

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[ Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory ]
[ Mark E. Levy, N9RXF | ]
[ BitNet: LEVY@FNAL | Unix is to computing ]
[ Internet: LEVY@FNALD.FNAL.GOV | as an Etch-a-Sketch is to art. ]
[ HEPnet/SPAN: FNALD::LEVY (VMS!) | ]
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<1993Mar24.165356.28468@mlb.semi.harris.com>7
Subject : Re: Offset to UTC calculation?

> During daylight savings time the difference between local time and
> UTC is one hour _less_.

No daylight savings time in Arizona anyhow.

-Ron

Date: 24 Mar 1993 18:52:23 GMT
From: noc.near.net!transfer.stratus.com!sw.stratus.com!fms@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <log86jINNir0@emx.cc.utexas.edu>, <1oq2da\$56e@slab.mtholyoke.edu>,
<C4EMAs.DGA@news.iastate.edu>et
Subject : Be careful how you edit postings! (was: Re: no-coders, scum of the

earth)

People, please be careful about how you edit other folks' postings! The following is a marvelous example of somebody (likely the person to whom N0DRV was replying) over-editing a tongue-in cheek posting from Derek. The part that got edited out was where Derek indicated that the fellow who got fined had an EXTRA-class call.

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Folks, Derek was STANDING UP for Technicians, not bashing.

de Faith N1JIT (a former Tech myself...)

In article <C4EMAs.DGA@news.iastate.edu>, wjturner@iastate.edu (William J Turner) writes:

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> cu1, N0RDV/AA

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"I'm afraid I don't know very much about Romulan Disruptor settings" --Spock

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<1993Mar19.164731.27129@odin.corp.sgi.com>
Subject : Re: Newbie question: What is iambic?

An Iambic is someone who has won the Pentameter!

THE 50% THING IS LIKELY TO BE DEPENDENT ON THE meter damping. A digital
meter likely would be to fast! 73's W1DGA

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